

Subject card

Subject name and code	German philosophical thought, PG_00166389						
Field of study	German Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		exam		
Conducting unit	Division of German Literature and Culture -> Institute of German Philology -> Faculty of Languages -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Dariusz Pakalski				
	Teachers		dr Dariusz Pakalski				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	20		1.0		29.0	50
Subject objectives	Learning about a brief outline of the history of German philosophy in the context of the general history of philosophy is an introduction to one's own inquiries in this subject area. The basic premise of the lecture thus becomes the student's introduction to a specific area of knowledge. The aim of the course is both to provide some knowledge and to develop a general cultural competence, to widen the horizons, and to assimilate certain philosophical concepts, to attain basic orientation in philosophical concepts and texts and the ability to respond to theses put forward by philosophers.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[FGL3_U10] Has the ability to substantiate their formulated theses, is able to critically use the views of other authors, formulate conclusions and communicate them to various circles of addressees.		Has the ability to think critically and to apply the views learnt in argumentation.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion		
	[FGL3_W11] Knows and understands the main methods of analysis and interpretation of cultural texts.		The ability to understand cultural texts and their relevance in contemporary times.		[SW4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[FGL3_K05] Is aware of there sponibility for the preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of Europe, is aware of the importance of this heritage for the understanding of social and cultural events.		It promotes life attitudes based on the patterns developed in the process of cultural development.		[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work		

Subject contents	Before discussing German philosophical thought, there will be a brief (2 hour lecture) introduction to the foundations of Western philosophy (ancient philosophy): Presocratics (Tales of Miletus, Pythagoras, Heraclitus) and Eleates (Parmenides, Zeno, Empedocles, Democritus); Sophists (Protagoras), Classics (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle). Relevant content: learning about selected assumptions of modern rationalist philosophers: Descartes and G. W. Leibniz, A. G. Baumgarten, German idealism; I. Kant, J. G Fichte, G.W.F. Hegel; F.W.J. Schelling; the aesthetics and anthropology of F. Schiller, the metaphysics of A. Schopenhauer; German philosophy of life: F. Nietzsche, W. Dilthey; psychoanalysis: S. Freud; C. G. Jung; German existentialism: K. Jaspers, M. Heidegger. Their relevance to the cultural heritage of Europe.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	none.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	oral exam	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	• A. Anzenbacher: Introduction to philosophy, Krakow 1992. • P. Kunzmann, F-P. Burkard, F. Wiedmann: Atlas of philosophy, Warsaw 1999. • I. Kant: Answer to the question, what is the Enlightenment, in Collected Works, T. VI, Toruń 2012. • A. Schopenhauer, The World as Will and Representation, T. 1, Warsaw 1994, T. 2, Warsaw 1995. • F. Nietzsche, Tako rzecze Zaratustra, Warsaw 2006. • S. Freud, Introduction to psychoanalysis, Warsaw 1984. • K. Jaspers, The Ciphers of Transcendence, Toruń 1995.	
	Supplementary literature	• Copleston F., History of Philosophy, vol. VI, From Wolff to Kant, Warsaw 1996. • Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie, Hrsg. J. Ritter, Basel 1971. • E. von Aster, History of Philosophy, Warsaw 1969.	
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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